

The Marden Vale Team Ministry
Christ Church, Derry Hill – St. John the Baptist, Foxham – St. Martin, Bremhill
Sunday 10th January – Baptism of Christ

Today's Services

Public worship is currently suspended in our churches.

An online service of Morning Prayer from the Marden Vale Team will be available on YouTube and a link will be published in due course.

There is also a short service of Morning Prayer via Zoom from Derry Hill Vicarage at 10am - link available via email.

Also available:

8.10am Sunday Worship on BBC Radio 4

9am [Church of England online](#)

12.25pm Songs of Praise on BBC1 from Stirling

Bells

Tune in to 'Bells on Sunday' on Radio 4 at 5.43am. Or listen later [online](#) From Guildford Cathedral.



Important news about Calne Food Bank

The Food Bank is now located at:
4A Mill Street (previously Marden Cafe)
Calne, SN11 8DP

Here is the link to the Calne Foodbank Website:
<https://www.calnefoodbank.co.uk/>
Tel: 07752 213029 Email: calnefoodbank@gmail.com

You can find out how to support your local church through the [Parish Giving Scheme](#)

Keeping in touch Contact Linda 01249 817926
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Website www.mardenvale.org.uk
Derry Hill's [Facebook page](#)

Prayer Join the Church of England Daily Prayer by visiting our website: www.mardenvale.org.uk and clicking on 'Pray' on the top line.

In the coming week please also pray for:

- all who are affected by coronavirus, all who work on the frontline to keep us safe, to help the sick, to keep us fed...
- the vaccination programme in this country and across the world
- for the people of the US, for the peaceful and orderly inauguration of Joe Biden on 20th January
- all those affected by storm, flood, fire and earthquake
- shelter for the homeless and rough sleepers
- fighting to cease and peace to prevail in all the places in the world marked by conflict and violence
- those who are anxious, exhausted, isolated. May those whose mental health is fragile be able to access the counselling, medication and support they need
- our local schools - as children and staff return. Pray that everyone will be kept safe and healthy.
- local shops and businesses
- Kingston House residents and all who work there
- Lucy Aylen (YWAM) as she leads & teaches at Discipleship Training School
- the work of Christian Aid
- our brothers and sisters in Sudan (especially with refugees fleeing conflict in Ethiopia) & South Sudan
- all who are sick, awaiting diagnosis, those in hospital. Especially we pray for: **Mark Steele, Christine Gundry, Mark Jennings, Lynne Cottrell, Rob Simons, Len Jones, Jacob Maloy, Paul Crayford, Helen Lewis, Jackson Goodship, Jane Jordan, Angela Barker, Liz Kinch, Doreen Williams, Bill Norman, Brenda Beint, Sonia Strange, Barbara Starr, Elizabeth Hannah and Sarah Green.**
- All who have died in recent weeks, the bereaved, and all whose anniversary of death falls at this time. We remember especially Val Pocock and Daphne Kellond who have died recently.
- **Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
- Ruby Rose being baptised at Derry Hill and for her family

Light a Candle May I encourage you to continue this practice of praying, and lighting a candle and placing it in a window as a sign of hope each Sunday evening.

Private Prayer (1 individual or household at a time)
Christ Church, Derry Hill
Thur to Sat 10am-3pm Sun 12-3pm
St Martin's, Bremhill Daily 9am-4pm

Readings for Baptism of Christ

Collect

Heavenly Father
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognise him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
worship the Lord in holy splendour.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.
May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.' On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

Mark 1:4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'



'Battesimo di Cristo' (Baptism of Christ) by Piero della Francesca (C15th)

View a 60-second commentary on this painting from the National Gallery [here](#)

I wonder what else you notice about this painting?

What does it say to you about who Jesus is, as the vertical line focuses our attention from the Father in heaven to the dove of the Holy Spirit, to the Son?

I wonder what has prompted the person on the right's decision to be baptised?

